

# Long Hunter State Park



## FACILITIES

- Beach
- Boat Ramp
- Fishing Pier
- Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables & Grills
- Playgrounds
- Trails
- Visitor Center

## ACTIVITIES

- Boating
- Boat Rentals
- Skiing
- Fishing
- Swimming
- Hiking
- Picnicking
- Backcountry Camping

**D**uring the mid-1760's, just after the French and Indian War, the land west of the Appalachian Mountains was opened for hunters and settlers. English, Irish and Germans were the first Europeans to venture into this part of the New World's western frontier, a Cherokee Indian hunting ground now called Middle Tennessee. Colonists from Virginia, Pennsylvania and the Carolinas came here on yearlong expeditions to hunt deer, otter, beaver, and elk for trade with Europe and the Cherokee. These skilled woodsmen became known as long hunters, the most famous of whom was Daniel Boone of Kentucky.

Long hunters in this region worked either alone or in small parties from fortified farmsteads called stations. One such settlement, Kasper Mansker's Station, was established north of Nashville around 1769. During his time fellow long hunter Uriah Stone explored the river that now bears his name.

Long Hunter State Park is situated in three units along J. Percy Priest Lake, an impoundment of Stones River. The visitor center and main office is at the Couchville area. Other facilities are located at the nearby Bakers Grove and Bryant Grove areas. Seven trails traverse a variety of wildlife habitats, including unique and interesting cedar glades, home of the Tennessee Purple Coneflower, found nowhere else in the world. The level, paved 2-mile Lake Trail winds through oak-hickory forest around 110-acre Couchville Lake.



From I-40 take State Route 171 South 8 miles to park entrance. From I-24 take State Route 171 North 8 miles to park entrance.

Entry fees apply - Call park for more information.

## PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

A park naturalist is on duty through the year.

A variety of planned programs and activities including guided tours, slide shows, and wildflower walks are available.

Please call park for information.

## HOURS OF OPERATION

7:00 a.m. to sunset

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

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